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SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR NATIONAL DAY

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1. SURVEY OF PEKING'S PARKS ON A GRAY AND RAINY SEPTEMBER 30 CONFIRMS THAT ALL STRUCTURES WHICH HAD BEEN SET UP TO HOUSE NATIONAL DAY EXHIBITS HAVE BEEN TAKEN DOWN. THE CITY'S MAJOR BUILDINGS, HOWEVER, ARE DECORATED WITH LIGHTS AND CLUSTERS OF RED FLAGS AS IN PAST YEARS. ELABORATE FLORAL DISPLAYS AND NATIONAL DAY SIGNS AT THE ENTRANCES INDICATE THAT THE PARKS WILL STILL BE OPEN TO HOLIDAY CROWDS.

2. SEVERAL EMBASSIES HERE, AND WE, HAVE BEEN TOLD BY MFA THAT "NO ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE" FOR PARTICIPATION BY FOREIGNERS IN PEKING NATIONAL DAY OBSERVANCES. (IN PREVIOUS YEARS, SPECIAL PASSES WERE ISSUED TO DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS TO VISIT THOSE PARKS WHERE EXHIBITS, PERFORMANCES AND LEADERSHIP APPEARANCES WERE STAGED.)

3. MFA AND WE SUPPOSE OTHER MINISTRIES WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY AND SATURDAY (AND, AS USUAL, SUNDAY), REOPENING ON

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